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Please allow this correspondence to serve as an appeal for the Harambee Charter School.

Form 470 Application Number: 613092

Funding Year 2008: 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009

Billed Entity Number: 228148

Applicants Form Identifier: HCS_Y11-2

Amount Denied: \$53,628.38

Contact:

Khafi Knox-McDowell
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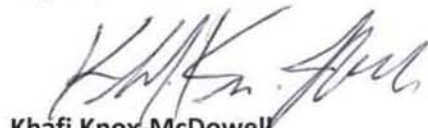
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Khafi Knox-McDowell
Chief Financial Officer
Harambee Charter School



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2008: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009)

August 29, 2011

Rhoda Sharif
HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
636-640 NORTH 66TH. STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19151

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 613092
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 228148
Billed Entity FCC RN: 0011878188
Applicant's Form Identifier: HCS_Y11-1

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 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2008," AND
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100 S. Jefferson Road
P.O. Box 902
Whippany, NJ 07981

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613092
Funding Request Number: 1733054
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 456760000636616
SPIN: 143023377
Service Provider Name: Line Systems, Inc
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/10/2008
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2011
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$4,788.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$4,788.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The FRN was modified from \$1050.00 to \$399.00 to agree with the applicant documentation. <><><><><> DR1: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

FCDL Date: 08/29/2011
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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613092
Funding Request Number: 1733062
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 456760000636616
SPIN: 143023377
Service Provider Name: Line Systems, Inc
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/10/2008
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2011
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$4,320.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$4,320.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item. No documentation was provided for the answers to the Tennessee Test questions. <><><><><> DR2: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

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Billed Entity Name: HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613092
Funding Request Number: 1733069
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 456760000636616
SPIN: 143000677
Service Provider Name: Verizon Wireless
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/10/2008
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2009
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$41,037.72
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$41,037.72
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

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Billed Entity Name: HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613092
Funding Request Number: 1733085
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 456760000636616
SPIN: 143000677
Service Provider Name: Verizon Wireless
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/10/2008
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2009
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,727.52
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$1,727.52
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.
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Form 471 Application Number: 613092
Funding Request Number: 1733106
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 760130000596373
SPIN: 143026864
Service Provider Name: Webgatherings, LLC
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/11/2007
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2010
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$1,835.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$1,835.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

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Funding Status: Not Funded
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SPIN: 143026864
Service Provider Name: Webgatherings, LLC
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/11/2007
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2010
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$812.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$812.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: The winning vendor was not selected in accordance with the vendor evaluation process described in the vendor selection documentation provided by you during the Selective Review. You did not adhere to your own criteria in the vendor selection process. <><><><><> DR2: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

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HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
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BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613107
Funding Request Number: 1688467
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection
Form 470 Application Number: 760130000596373
SPIN: 143020516
Service Provider Name: Geoffrey P. Deans
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/11/2007
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2010
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$20,250.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$20,250.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item. No documentation was provided for the make and model of the LAN equipment. <><><><><> DR2: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

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BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

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Form 471 Application Number: 613107
Funding Request Number: 1688506
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection
Form 470 Application Number: 760130000596373
SPIN: 143020661
Service Provider Name: Final Mile Technologies
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/11/2007
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2010
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$7,000.08
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$7,000.08
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
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BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

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Form 471 Application Number: 613107
Funding Request Number: 1688526
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection
Form 470 Application Number: 456760000636616
SPIN: 143008185
Service Provider Name: ComTec Systems, Inc
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: 2646
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/10/2008
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2009
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$12,500.04
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$12,500.04
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The category of service was changed from Telecommunications to Basic Maintenance of I/C in accordance with program rules.
<><><><><> DR1: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

FCDL Date: 08/29/2011
Wave Number: 81E
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2012

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613107
Funding Request Number: 1688574
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection
Form 470 Application Number: 760130000596373
SPIN: 143008940
Service Provider Name: Micro Technology Group, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: HCS
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/11/2007
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2010
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$8,800.08
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$8,800.08
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: The documentation provided did not sufficiently demonstrate that the following items: make/model of the PVBX equipment, the make & model of equipment plugged into the UPS APC 2200 RM3U & the make & model of the equipment housed on the rack are eligible for discounts according to program rules. <><><><><> DR2: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.
FCDL Date: 08/29/2011
Wave Number: 81E
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2012

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613107
Funding Request Number: 1688591
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection
Form 470 Application Number: 456760000636616
SPIN: 143008185
Service Provider Name: ComTec Systems, Inc
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: 2646
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/10/2008
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2009
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,175.04
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$1,175.04
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: The documentation provided did not sufficiently demonstrate that the following items: the functionality of the server for the tape back up is eligible for discounts according to program rules. <><><><><>
DR2: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

FCDL Date: 08/29/2011
Wave Number: 81E
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2012

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL
BEN: 228148
Funding Year: 2008

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 613107
Funding Request Number: 1688608
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection
Form 470 Application Number: 456760000636616
SPIN: 143008185
Service Provider Name: ComTec Systems, Inc
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: 2646
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2008
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 01/10/2008
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2009
Site Identifier: 228148
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$9,861.84
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$9,861.84
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Selective - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: During the course of review, you were asked to provide information regarding Martin Friedman and Alemar Consulting and the roles he played at your school, including his role in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process. You did not respond to that request for information and we are unable to make a determination if your school engaged in an open and fair competitive bidding process free from conflicts of interest so funding is denied.

FCDL Date: 08/29/2011
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Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools and Libraries Division

Selective Review- Competitive Bidding Type FUNDING YEAR 2008			
CASE # SR-2008-228148			
To:	Earl Baderschneider	From:	Rhonda Sharif
Your Phone Number:	267-228-1905	My Phone Number:	973-581-5098
Your Fax Number:	215-472-1457	My Fax Number:	973-599-6515
Entity Name:	HARAMBEE CHARTER SCHOOL	My E-Mail Address:	ebaders@sl.universalservic e.org
Today's Date:	6/3/2008	Total Pages:	5
PLEASE RESPOND BY:	6/18/2008		
Form 471 Application Number(s):	613092, 613107		

June 18, 2008

Dear Earl,

Attached is the response to your inquiry.

Please confirm receipt and notify me if there are any questions.

Rhonda Sharif, Harambee Charter School

Selective Review Information Request Checklist

Item #	Items to be returned to the E-Rate Reviewer	Document(s) Title & Corresponding FRN	Status								
1.	Signed & dated contracts and/or other agreements with service providers related to the Form(s) 471	Attachment 1-1; P. 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed								
2	Request For Proposal (RFP) Please specify: Release date: 12/07/2007 Due date: 01/04/2008	Attachment 1-2; P. 75	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed								
3	All bid responses received for all funding requests. It may be helpful to include a chart as indicated below: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Appl #</th><th>FRN #</th><th>#of bids received</th><th>Vendor selected</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Appl #	FRN #	#of bids received	Vendor selected					Attachment 1-3; P. 109	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed
Appl #	FRN #	#of bids received	Vendor selected								
4	Vendor selection process description (created during the bidding process)	Attachment 1-4; P. 134	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed								
5	Was a consultant used relating to the planning, implementation and support of your E-Rate funding requests? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide a signed and dated Consultant Agreement(s) or Letter of Agency	Attachment 1-5; P. 148	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed								
6	Correspondence between the consultant/service provider and the school/library regarding the competitive bidding process and the application process	Attachment 1-6; P. 151	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed								
7	Technology Plan Support Request for FY 2008 (page 4) Indicate Technology Plan creation date here:	Attachment 2-1; P. 255	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed								
8	Organizational Structure, such as organizational flow chart, reporting structure, etc.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A								
9	Budget Information (page 4) (Approved operating budget or alternative budget documentation for FY 2008) Please check which you have provided: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final and Approved budget for 2008-2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Letter and Budget Alternatives	Attachment 2-2; P. 256	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final and Approved budget for 2008-2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Letter and Budget Alternatives								
10	Selective Review Certification (page 5) (Include signature, title and dated.)	P. 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed								

Part I: Information Regarding your Competitive Bidding and Vendor Selection Process

1) CONTRACTS AND/OR OTHER AGREEMENTS

Attachment 1-1 contains all contracts coded by FRN.

2) REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Attachment 1-2 contains the RFP posted with the Form 470 # 456760000636616. Each project number on the RFP corresponds to the project numbers listed on each bid assessment worksheet (see #4, below).

Form 470 # 456760000636616 was posted on 12/07/2007 for which a corresponding RFP was available immediately after, on the same date. Proposals were due by 01/04/2008. Prospective bidders were sent the RFP when requested.

3) BID RESPONSES

Attachment 1-3 contains all bid responses coded by FRN.

Appl #	FRN #	#of bids received	Vendor selected
613092	1733054	1	Line Systems
613092	1733062	1	Line Systems
613092	1733069	1	Verizon Wireless
613092	1733085	1	Verizon Wireless
613092	1733106	1	Web Gatherings (2 nd year of 3 year contract)
613092	1733122	2	Web Gatherings (2 nd year of 3 year contract)
613107	1688467	3	Geoffrey Deans (2 nd year of 3 year contract)
613107	1688506	2	Final Mile Technologies (2 nd year of 3 year contract)
613107	1688526	1	ComTec
613107	1688574	3	Complete Convergence (2 nd year of 3 year contract)
613107	1688591	1	ComTec
613107	1688608	1	ComTec

4) VENDOR SELECTION PROCESS

Attachment 1-4 contains all copies of the E-Rate Bid Assessment Worksheets, coded by FRN, used in the bid opening on 01/10/2008.

Bids were evaluated by selection criteria contained in the RFP. Prospective bidders needed to be of good reputation by having good references and, if prior contact with the school, good performance; possess industry-recognized certifications and/or be authorized resellers for goods and services proposed by providing copies of those documents; responsibly respond to the stated criteria for each project listed in the RFP; submit a signed and dated contract that included an addendum with the caveats stated in the RFP; not to include subcontracted services without written permission from the CEO; submit proof of "Red Light" status; follow the FRP format; and be registered service

providers by providing their SPIN. In all evaluations, price was the dominant factor in selecting the successful bidders.

The RFP specifically cautions that: "Proposals not containing a signed and/or dated contract, as above, will not be considered." And to: "Please make sure that you have completed all forms and submitted all the required documentation. Failure to do so will constitute an incomplete proposal that will not be evaluated."

5) CONSULTING AGREEMENTS

Attachment 1-5 contains the consulting agreement and letter of agency awarded to ALEMAR Consulting, Inc.

We provided the specifications for which ALEMAR developed an RFP. Once we approved the RFP, ALEMAR used it to post the Form 470. ALEMAR took the results of our bid assessment and then posted the Form 471. ALEMAR also assists us in replying to PIA questions including this selective review.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

Attachment 1-6 Provides copies of all correspondence between service providers and/or consultants regarding the competitive bidding process and application process.

7) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – N/A

The school does not act as consultant, service provider and/or applicant for any of the goods and services requested from the program.

Part II: Budget and Technology Plan

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

- Provide a copy of the written technology plan that covers Funding Year 2008 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009) that supports and validates the services requested on your applications for Funding Year 2008, and that was in place at the time you filed your Form(s) 470 for FY 2008.

The attached technology plan covers the period July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011 and was in place at the time of the filing of the Form 470. See Attachment 2-1

- Please indicate who created the technology plan and/or assisted you with the development (e.g. the School District, a consultant, an ESA, etc.) and who approved or will approve the plan.

School representatives participated in the writing of the technology plan, which was then submitted for review. It is currently in Peer review and we expect approval on or before June 30, 2008 by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Your technology plan helps us better understand the resources that are available to support the funding requests that you have submitted on your Form(s) 471.

Section I: Connectivity			ON 471
I-A. Commitment Amount Requested			
• Telecom	1	\$59,523.99	\$53,637.72
• Internet Access	2	\$7,825.07	\$8,694.52
• Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	3	\$42,378.34	\$59,587.08
• Internal Connections	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$109,727.40	\$121,919.32
I-B. Form 471 Applicant's Share			
• Telecom	5	\$6,613.77	\$5,363.77
• Internet Access	6	\$869.45	\$869.45
• Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	7	\$4,708.70	\$5,958.71
• Internal Connections	8	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		12,191.92	\$12,191.93

PLEASE NOTE that the amounts listed on the above SRIR Item 25 worksheet did not match the amounts listed on the Forms 471. We have corrected these amounts.

OPERATING BUDGET

See Attachment 2-2 for the approved 2007-2008 operating budget is attached with the eRate revenue and expenditure items identified.